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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: 15-year Plan

I would like to think of the intelligence business and the participation of the Intelligence Community in the context of a 15-year plan, divided into three 5-year periods with the near term (first 5 years) to be divided up by years, and that the entire 15-year plan would be updated annually. This plan would set forth the anticipated and projected intelligence requirements and objectives for each of the 5-year periods and be thoroughly coordinated to insure appropriate emphasis and de-emphasis in obtaining the stated objectives. It is desired that the staff of CIA prepare a suggested outline for such a 15-year plan for submission to USIB for its consideration and participation in refining the outline and then for their recommendations as to their continuing contributions for various areas of specific interests.

After the planning outline for this 15-year plan is agreed on, it is proposed that it then be completed as an Intelligence Community affair and, as mentioned before, would be updated annually to provide justification and back-up for annual budgets.

The accomplishment of this is just a germ of an idea to do adequate planning on a long term basis to constantly improve and up-date our intelligence capabilities recognizing as we do that unless an integrated plan which is annually updated is available, there will undoubtedly be large gaps in our capabilities because of inadequate panticipation for the need, in a timely way, of certain capabilities and the provision of this capability.

Dictated by W. F. Raborn, in presence of John M. Clarke

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